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The reply filed on 2/12/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the drawings have failed to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the acute angled bends (claims 1 and 5), and the acute angle of claims 3 and 4 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). Applicant has indicated that applicant's angle is the examiner's angle  $\beta$  (shown in the attachment provided in the last office action) minus 90 degrees. Applicant is reminded that  $\beta$  is about 225 degrees. If 90 degrees are subtracted from 225 degrees, the result is 135 degrees which makes an obtuse angle instead of an acute angle as recited in claims 1 and 5.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 703-308-8606. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne H Browne can be reached on 703-308-1159. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2168.

  
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